[9th November 1935

Mr. P. V. Rajagopala Pillai :—" Out of the sanctioned strength of 1,805 gazetted appointments, 656 are held by Brahmans, 361 by Non-Brahman Hindus, 101 by Muhammadans, 392 by Non-Asiatics and Anglo-Indians, 14 by Indian Christians and 10 by others. As only 4 appointments are held by members belonging to the scheduled classes, will Government be pleased to appoint more members of the scheduled classes to these posts? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" We shall try, Sir."

Reasons for the decrease in the number of gazetted appointments held by the scheduled classes.

* 517 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Rajagopala Pillai : Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the cause of the decrease in the number of gazetted appointments held by scheduled classes as shown below :—

	1st April 1934.	1st April 1935.	Decrease
Temporary, acting or probationary appointments.	7	4	3
Permanent appointments	12	6	6

A.—*Temporary, acting or probationary appointments.*—The figures were made up as follows :—

	1934.	1935.	Difference.
Revenue department	3	2	— 1
Excise department	..	1	+ 1
Police department	3	..	— 3
Veterinary department	..	1	+ 1
District Board Engineering department.	1	..	— 1

I regret the figures against the Police department were wrong. The figures ought to be 2 in 1934 and 2 in 1935. There was thus no reduction in strength in this department. The reduction of one each in the Revenue and the District Board Engineering departments is due to the confirmation of the officers in question and to their consequent inclusion in the return of permanent officers.

Permanent.—The figures were made up as follows :—

	1934.	1935.	Difference.
Revenue department	1	3	+ 2
High Court	10	..	— 10
Registration department	..	1	+ 1
Co-operative department	1	1	..
District Board Engineering department.	..	1	+ 1

I regret again that the figures shown in the statement against the High Court were wrong. The figures ought to be 'nil' in 1934 and 'nil' in 1935. There is thus no reduction in strength at all.